कश्मीर में आवश्यक वस्तुओं की कमी

889. **डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कश्मीर में कानून और व्यवस्था की गिरती हुई स्थिति की वजह से वहां पर आवश्यक वस्तुओं की भारी कमी है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कांत सहाय) : (क) और (ख) वहां पर राशन की आवश्यक वस्तुओं की कोई कमी नहीं हैं । जाड़ों के महीनों में ताजी सब्जियां, गोश्त तथा कुछ उपभोक्ता मदों की आपूर्ति में कमी थी । स्थिति में अब पर्याप्त रूप से सुधार आया है।

Instigation of subversive activities in Kashmir, Punjab Rajasthan and Gujarat

890. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are indications that unabated subversive activities in Kashmir, Punjab and parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat are being instigated and fuelled from across the borders of India; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) whether creation of a security belt of suitable minimum width along the border would help in curbing these activities;

(c) whether Government have given a serious thought to the proposal; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether the concerned States have been consulted in this regard recently, if so, what is their response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of building of Head Post Office, Jodhpur

891. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of building of the Head Post Office Jodhpur was to be completed by the end of 1988;

(b) what is the reason for non completion of the building so far; and

(c) what is the time-limit now for completion of the said building and increase in the financial liability on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) It is a fact that the target date fixed earlier for completion of the construction of Jodhpur Head Post Office building was April, 1988.

(b) The following are the reasons

(i) Change of the site at the request of the Railways.

(ii) Scarcity of water due to drought conditions.

(iii) Non-availability of levy cement for some time.

(iv) Poor performance of the agency, i.e. the contractor.

(c) The earlier contract was rescinded during July 1989 after issue of due show cause notice and fresh tenders received are under examination. The completion of the building will take at last 15 months after the award

of the work. The increase in the cost, if any, will be known when the tender is finalised.

Targets for opening new Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Rajasthan

892. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the targets set by Government to open new post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges in the State of Rajasthan in the year 1990-91;

(b) what are the details of targets fixed and achieved for the opening of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges during the year 1989-90;

(c) whether it is a fact that the targets could not be achieved because of the norms fixed for this purpose as they are not suitable due to the special geographical situation of vast area and thin population in the districts of Rajasthan and specially in the Western part of the State; and

(d) whether Government propose to relax the norms to suit the specific situation in Rajasthan for Eight Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) State-wise targets for opening of post offices in 1990-91 will be laid down after the norms are reviewed/revised. Initially telegraph service is provided through long distance public telephones. Hence no separate targets have been fixed for opening telegraph offices in 1990-91. A target of 50 telephone exchanges has been fixed for the year.

(b) The target fixed for opening of post offices in Rajasthan during 1989-90 was 125 branch post offices and 4 sub post offices. Besides, 24 long distance public telephones were provided in 1989-90 in post offices for giving telegraph service on phonocom basis. As for telephone exchanges, 50 new exchanges were opened during 1989-90 against the target of 40.

(c) Ministry of Finance have desired that the programme of opening of post offices implemented during 1988-89 and earlier years may be reviewed and new norms worked out on the basis of the review. Pending completion of this exercise, only a limited number of post offices have been sanctioned in 1989-90 including 46 branch post offices and 3 sub post offices for Rajasthan.

(d) The proposed revision of norms will take into account all the relevant factors in the different regions of the country.

Pension to Goa Freedom Fighters

893. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received applications from Goa freedom fighters;

(b) if so, what is the number thereof;

(c) what is the number of applications disposed of so far; and

(d) the number of the applicants who have been granted pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Statistics are being maintained State/Union Territory-wise and not struggle/movement-wise. The number of applications received from Goa, Daman & Diu upto the prescribed date, viz., 31-3-1982 is 3,257. All these applications have been disposed of. Pension has been granted in 872 cases. The other cases did not fulfil the eligibility criteria laid down by the Government.